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48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 501 interviews is $\pm 4.4\%$

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	3/29- 30/03	3/23/03	3/17/03	2/03 ¹	1/03	12/02	10/02+	High 11/01	Low 6/01	
Approve.....	66	67	62	61	54	62	63	88	50	[137]
Disapprove.....	29	28	33	31	40	33	31	7	35	
Not sure.....	5	5	5	8	6	5	6	5	15	
	9/02	7/02	6/02	5/02	4/02	1/02	12/01	11/01	9/01	
	64	67	69	75	74	82	85	88	82	
	30	27	23	18	20	13	11	7	12	
	6	6	8	7	6	5	4	5	6	

¹ Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

2. Generally speaking, would you say the war in Iraq has gone better than what you expected, worse than you expected, or about what you expected?

	3/29- 30/03	3/23/03	
Better than expected.....	9	25	[138]
Worse than expected.....	20	10	
About as expected.....	67	62	
Not sure.....	4	3	

3. In general, would you say Iraq's military force has been tougher than you expected, not as tough as you expected, or just about what you expected?

	3/29- 30/03	3/23/03	1/91	
Tougher than expected.....	27	10	21	[139]

Not as tough as expected.....	9	31	25
About as expected.....	58	54	45
Not sure.....	6	5	9

4. Based on events so far, do you feel generally confident about the value of the use of U.S. military force in Iraq or do you have some doubts about the value of the use of U.S. military force in Iraq?

	<u>3/29- 30/03</u>	<u>3/23/03</u>	
Feel confident about the value of the use of U.S. military force.....	67	71	[140]
Have some doubts about the value of the use of U.S. military force.....	29	25	
Not sure.....	4	4	

5. How much longer do you expect the war with Iraq will last?

	<u>3/29- 30/03</u>	<u>3/23/03</u>	
Less than a week.....	-	3	[141]
A week to two weeks.....	2	13	
Two weeks to a month.....	10	24	
One to two months.....	18	18	
Three to six months.....	24	13	
More than six months.....	26	13	
Not sure.....	20	16	

6. What do you think will be the final result in the war with Iraq--the United States will win, Iraq will win, or do you think there will be no clear winner?

	<u>3/29- 30/03</u>	<u>1/91</u>	
United States.....	67	68	[142]
Iraq.....	-	-	
No clear winner.....	28	27	
Not sure.....	5	5	

7. When it comes to the military action in Iraq so far, would you say the United States military has used too much force against Iraq, not enough force, or about the right amount of force against Iraq?

Too much.....	8	[143]
Not enough.....	42	
About the right amount.....	43	
Not sure.....	7	

- 8a. When it comes to the strength of the Iraqi military, do you think that the Bush administration did or did not underestimate the situation?

Did underestimate the situation.....	48	[144]
Did not underestimate the situation.....	46	
Not sure.....	6	

- 8b. When it comes to the solidarity of the Iraqi people behind Saddam Hussein, do you think that the Bush administration did or did not underestimate the situation?

Did underestimate the situation.....	45	[145]
Did not underestimate the situation.....	45	
Not sure.....	10	

9. Do you think that the Bush administration did or did not adequately prepare the American people and explain the risks involved in the United States going to war with Iraq?

	3/29- 30/03	3/23/03 ¹	2/03 ²	1/03 ³	12/02	
Did adequately prepare the American people.....	63	59	49	40	43	[146]
Did not adequately prepare the American people.....	33	38	46	56	52	
Not sure.....	4	3	5	4	5	

¹ In the March 23, 2003 survey, this question was phrased, “. . . Bush administration has or has not adequately prepared and explained. . . .”

² Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

³ Prior to February 2003, the question was phrased, “Do you think that President Bush”

10. Let me read you a number of items related to the war with Iraq. **(FOR EACH ITEM, ASK:)** When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**, do you feel confident that it is worth it, or do you have doubts that it is worth it?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY
FEEL CONFIDENT THAT IT IS WORTH IT

	Feel Confident That It Is Worth It	Have Doubts That It Is Worth It	Not Sure	
Achieving the objective of removing Saddam Hussein from power.....	76	21	3	[150]
Achieving the objective of eliminating weapons of mass destruction.....	73	24	3	[151]
The potential length of the war.....	60	32	8	[148]
The financial cost of the war.....	57	38	5	[147]
The number of U.S. military casualties.....	53	39	8	[149]

11. Which comes closer to your view?

Statement A: The U.S. military should do everything it can to minimize Iraqi civilian casualties, even if it means taking longer to achieve our objectives.

OR

Statement B: The U.S. military should use whatever force necessary to achieve our objectives as quickly as possible, even if it means more Iraqi civilian casualties.

Statement A /minimize Iraqi civilian casualties....	56	[152]
Statement B /achieve objectives as quickly as possible.....	38	
Not sure.....	6	

12. Thinking about the war in Iraq and the recent economic slowdown, which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

Statement A: Congress should pass President Bush's tax cut plan because it is needed to stimulate economic growth.

OR

Statement B: Congress should not pass President Bush's tax cut plan because the federal budget is now in deficit and the costs of the war are unknown.

Statement A/Congress should pass President Bush's tax cut plan.....	38	[153]
Statement B/Congress should not pass President Bush's tax cut plan.....	52	
Not sure.....	10	

FACTUALS: Now I'm going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. How old are you? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	7	[154-155]
25-29.....	7	
30-34.....	9	
35-39.....	12	
40-44.....	6	
45-49.....	12	
50-54.....	11	
55-59.....	9	
60-64.....	7	
65-69.....	6	
70-74.....	4	
75 and over.....	8	
Refused.....	2	

- F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN." IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	21	[156]
Not very strong Democrat.....	9	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	7	
Strictly independent.....	20	
Independent/lean Republican.....	11	
Not very strong Republican.....	8	
Strong Republican.....	17	
Other.....	4	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[157-158]
Some high school.....	5	
High school graduate.....	30	
Some college, no degree.....	15	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	10	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	21	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	9	
Doctoral/law degree.....	4	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F4a. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	7	[159]
No, not Hispanic.....	91	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F4b. What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	77	[160]
Black.....	9	
Asian.....	3	
Other.....	3	
Hispanic (VOL).....	5	
Not sure/refused.....	3	